

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-896

November 21, 2000

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Second Amendment
To Special Rate Contract with Hardwood
Products Company, LP

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, we approve the Second Amendment to the Customer Service Agreement (CSA) between Central Maine Power Company (CMP or the Company) and Hardwood Products Company, LP (Hardwood).

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On November 1, 2000, CMP filed with this Commission a request for approval of a Second Amendment to its CSA with Hardwood. This Second Amendment addresses the pricing associated with the remaining term of the contract, October through December 2000.¹ Both Hardwood and CMP have agreed that Standard Offer prices continue to be the lowest possible prices for generation service available to the customer and should therefore be used to adjust the prices in the contract.² This Second Amendment provides for an increase in the T&D contribution paid by Hardwood to reflect the decrease in standard offer prices for the period October through December, relative to the standard offer prices in the March through September period.

We have reviewed the proposed Amendment to the CSA and agree that the proposed Second Amendment is reasonable.

¹The First Amendment was granted temporary approval by the Director of the Technical Analysis Division on July 12, 2000 in Docket No. 2000-558. It addressed pricing under the contract for the period March 1, 2000 through Hardwood's September meter read date.

²The contract does provide that if the customer is able to secure service from a CEP prior to the end of the contract term, the parties will revise the rates to reflect the new generation prices.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That the Second Amendment to the Customer Service Agreement with Hardwood Products Company, LP is approved and may go into effect, as requested by the Company as of September 22, 2000.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 21st day of November, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:

Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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